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THE VOICE OF THE TOWER PART ONE

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BATMAN

HUSH

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SIX ISSUES
STARTING IN
MARCH



"DR. SEREIKA'S
EXAMINED
THE BODY."



"OFFICER PETERSON'S
WRISTS AND NECK SHOWED
ELEVATED HISTAMINE LEVELS,
BUT THERE WERE NONE
AROUND THE IMPACT WOUNDS
FROM THE GROUND."



HE WAS
STRUNG UP, LIKE
A **PUPPET**. WHEN
HE WAS STILL
ALIVE.

BUT HE
WAS DEAD BY
THE TIME HE
WENT OUT THE
WINDOW.

BLADIN TOWERS
IS SCHEDULED FOR
DEMOLITION. ROUGHLY HALF
THE RESIDENTS HAVE REFUSED
TO GO, DESPITE THE GENEROUS
RESETTLEMENT PACKAGES
THEY WERE OFFERED
BY THE CITY.

THEY'VE LIVED
ON THIS BLOCK FOR
GENERATIONS. THEY
DON'T WANT THEIR HOMES
BEING TORN DOWN TO BE
REPLACED BY LUXURY
CONDOS.

UNDERSTANDABLE.

BUT NOW
THEY'RE
**KILLING
COPS.**

SO GO IN.
ARREST THOSE
RESPONSIBLE.

THING IS...
PETERSON
DIDN'T GO IN
ALONE.

THEY HAVE
A HOSTAGE?

HIS
PARTNER.
PRYCE.

THE
ENTRANCE
IS BARRICADED
FROM THE INSIDE.
THE MESSAGE
IS CLEAR. **NO
COPS.**

IF WE
DO TRY AND
GO IN, WE RISK
STARTING
A WAR.

GOOD
PEOPLE LIVE THERE
TOO. BUT **BLADIN** HAS
LONG BEEN A HIVE OF
GANG ACTIVITY, AND
THEY HAVE THE
HIGH GROUND.

Hmph.

THERE'S AN
OPEN WINDOW
ON THE FIFTH
FLOOR.



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THE VOICE OF THE TOWER

PART 1

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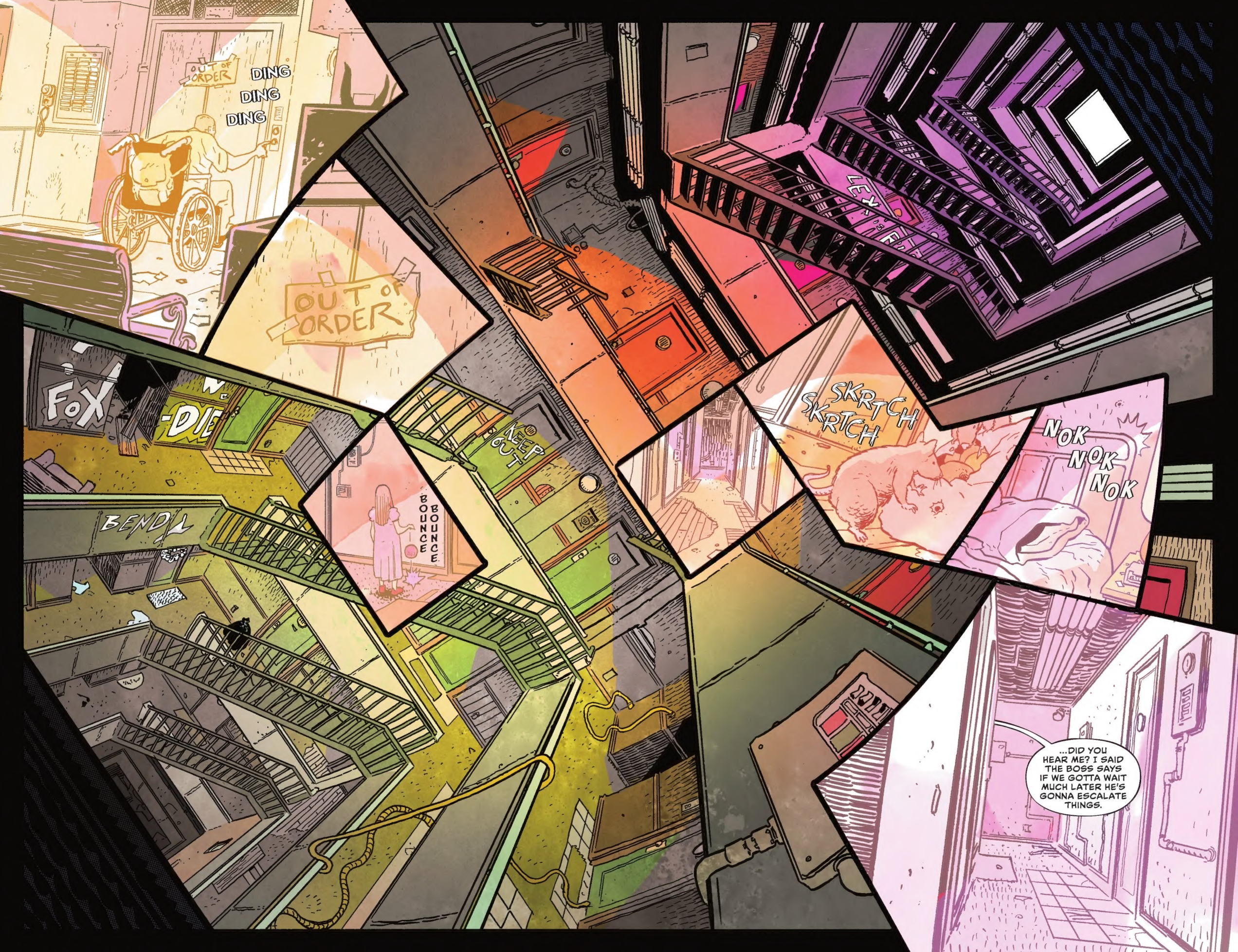
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OUT OF ORDER
DING
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FOX
-DIE

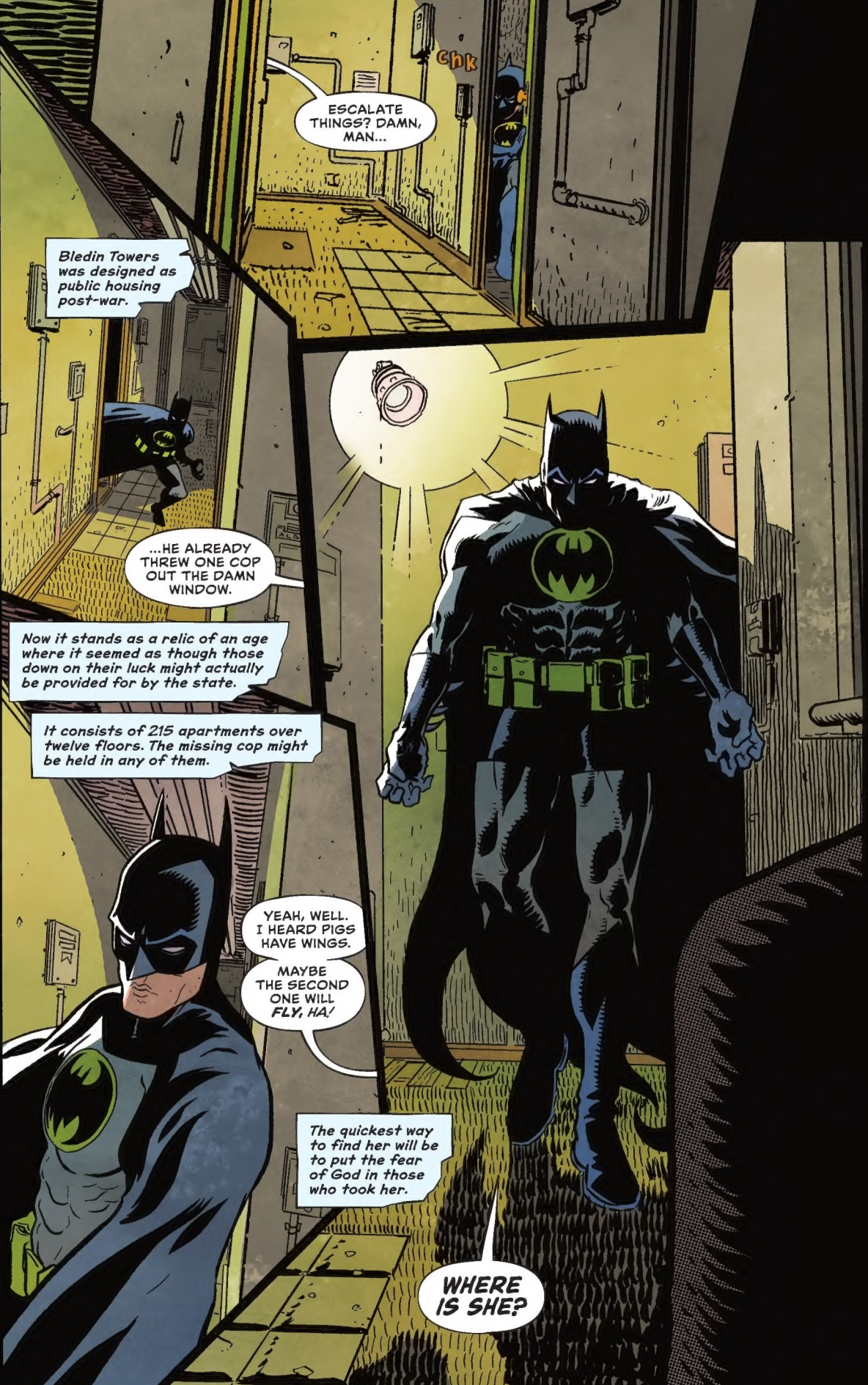
KEEP OUT

SKRTCH
SKRTCH

NOK
NOK
NOK

BOUNCE

...DID YOU
HEAR ME? I SAID
THE BOSS SAYS
IF WE GOTTA WAIT
MUCH LATER HE'S
GONNA ESCALATE
THINGS.

A comic book page featuring Batman in a dilapidated, yellow-toned hallway. In the upper right, a small Batman figure is seen peeking from a doorway. In the center, a large Batman figure stands with a flashlight beam on his chest. In the lower left, another Batman figure is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. The hallway has a tiled floor, pipes, and a door with a 'chk' sign. A large window on the right shows a city skyline.

ESCALATE
THINGS? DAMN,
MAN...

*Bledin Towers
was designed as
public housing
post-war.*

...HE ALREADY
THREW ONE COP
OUT THE DAMN
WINDOW.

*Now it stands as a relic of an age
where it seemed as though those
down on their luck might actually
be provided for by the state.*

*It consists of 215 apartments over
twelve floors. The missing cop might
be held in any of them.*

YEAH, WELL.
I HEARD PIGS
HAVE WINGS.

MAYBE
THE SECOND
ONE WILL
FLY, HA!

*The quickest way
to find her will be
to put the fear
of God in those
who took her.*

WHERE
IS SHE?



Hn...?

DID YOU HEAR THAT?

OH GOD, IT'S THE BAT!

I DON'T THINK HE SEES US!

DUMBASS.
THIS IS BLEEDIN' TOWERS.

YOU DON'T KNOW THIS PLACE.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS.

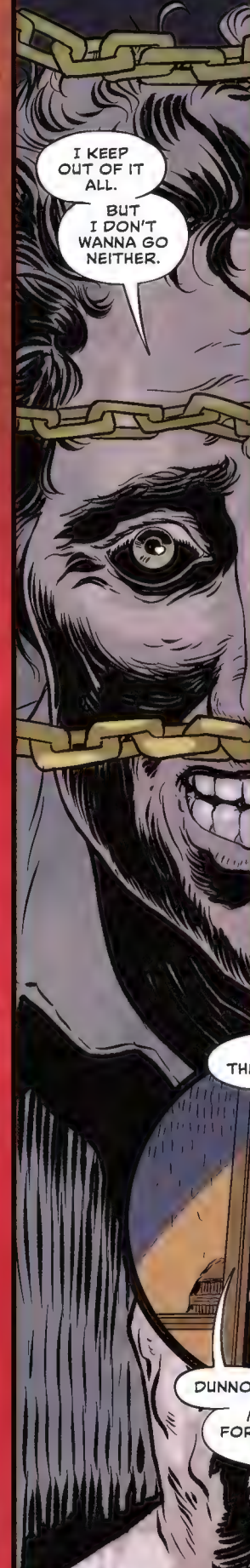
Hn!



IT'S THE
ARCHITECTURE.

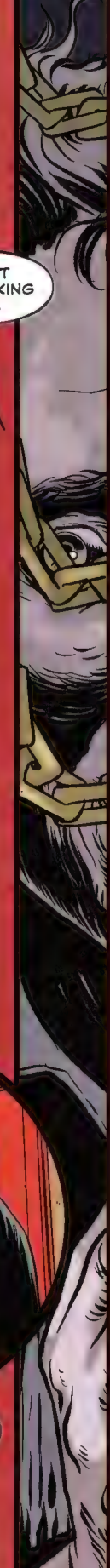


BOUNCES
SOUND AROUND.
THINGS SEEM LIKE
THEY'RE COMING
FROM SOMEWHERE
THEY'RE NOT.



I KEEP
OUT OF IT
ALL.

BUT
I DON'T
WANNA GO
NEITHER.



NOT RIGHT
THOUGH, TAKING
THE COP.



WHERE DID
THEY TAKE HER?

DUNNO.

MAYBE LISTEN
FOR HER AND YOU'LL
HEAR HER...



"...BUT THAT DON'T
MEAN YOU'LL FIND
HER EASY EITHER."

GOD,
I'M SO SICK
OF THAT
SOUND.

YOU
\$%@/£\$ UP
TYING THE
GAG, DIDN'T
YOU?

IDIOT.

THE ONE
THING I ASKED
YOU TO DO, AN' I
CAN STILL HEAR
HER WHININ'
THROUGH IT.

PLEASE,
RICKSON...
I CAN'T HEAR
ANYTHING.

I
THINK SHE'S
ASLEEP.



WHAT THE HELL DID YOU JUST SAY TO ME, MICHELLE?



SWEETHEART, PLEASE...

DID YOU JUST CALL ME CRAZY?

EVERYTHING I DO FOR YOU...

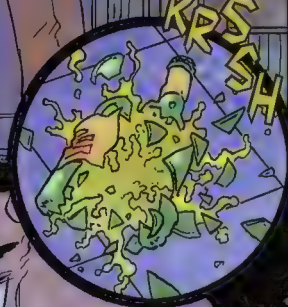
...AND YOU **DISRESPECT** ME IN MY OWN HOME!



HONEY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO...

I KNOW, BABY, BUT YOU NEVER THINK, DO YOU?

YOU'RE JUST A VERY **STUPID** WOMAN WHO DOESN'T DESERVE LOVE.



RICKSON!

RICKSON, THE BATMAN IS HERE!



THE
WHAT?

YOU
GOTTA TELL
THE BOSS. HE
NEEDS TO
KNOW...

Y-Y-YEAH,
WELL DON'T YOU
WORRY.

THE BOSS
IS RIGHT HERE.
HE CAN HEAR
EVERYTHING.

AND I'M
NOT HAPPY
ONE GIT.

DR. SEREIKA.

I NEED MORE
INFORMATION. ARE
YOU SOBER?

Uh...IS
THIS WHO
I THINK
IT IS?

YES.

I'M
SUDDENLY
FEELING **VERY**
SOBER
INDEED.

BLADIN
TOWERS. I'M
HAVING DIFFICULTY
NAVIGATING IT. TELL
ME ABOUT THE
BODY. BEYOND
THE OBVIOUS.

YOU WANT TO
KNOW ABOUT THE
IMPACT WOUNDS.
WHETHER I CAN
TELL YOU HOW HIGH
THIS POOR SOUL
FELL FROM.

WHICH
FLOOR.

THE THING IS,
TERMINAL VELOCITY
HEIGHT FOR THE HUMAN
BODY IS GENERALLY
LOWER THAN PEOPLE
EXPECT.

WE CAN SEE
THE SAME DAMAGE
IN A BODY THAT'S
FALLEN THIRTY FEET
AS A BODY THAT'S
FALLEN OUT OF AN
AIRPLANE.

HAVING
SAID THAT...THERE'S
EVIDENCE OF MULTIPLE
POSTMORTEM IMPACTS.
IF YOU UNDERSTAND
WHAT I MEAN?



HE
BOUNCED.

SO--ASSUMING
THEY'RE HOLDING HIS
PARTNER IN THE SAME
PLACE THEY THREW HIM
FROM--I'D SAY YOU
COULD RULE OUT
THE LOWER FIVE
FLOORS.

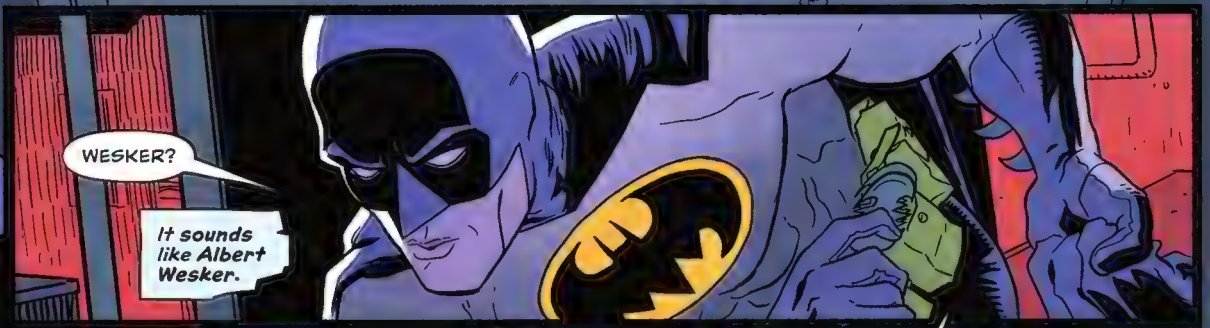
GUESS
THAT MEANS
I'M GOING
UP.



RATATATAT



END OF
THE LINE,
GATMAN.



WESKER?

It sounds like Albert Wesker.



A meek ventriloquist who had a breakdown and began manifesting a violent personality through his mannequin--a gangster puppet he called Scarface.



I prevented him from committing a triple homicide by smashing the doll, inducing a panic attack.

But this man...

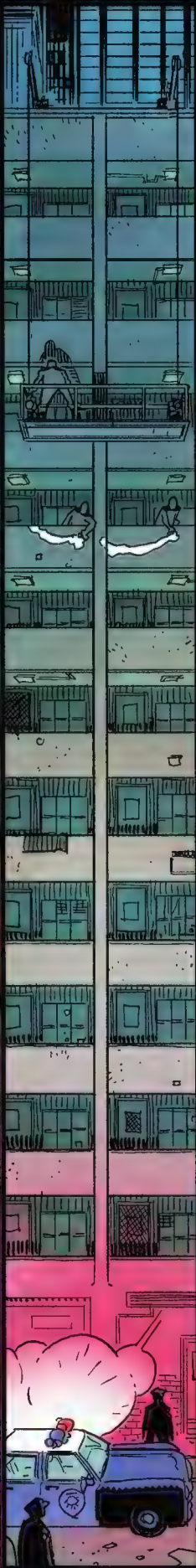
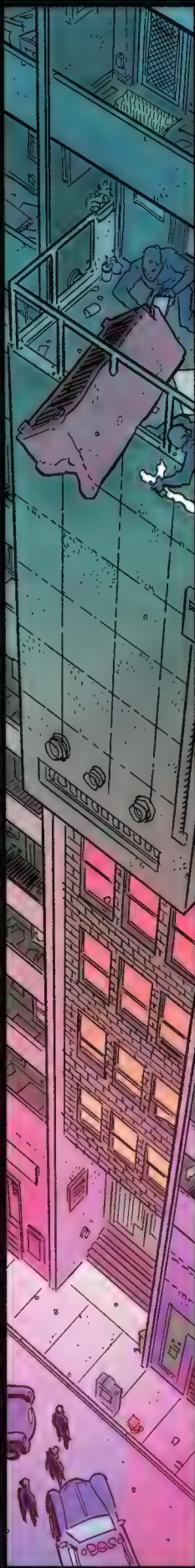


NO!



YOU'RE
NOT
WESKER.







I HAVE A
NEW GODY
NOW,
GATMAN.

A
GETTER
ONE.

AND
YOU'RE
STANDING
IN IT.

WELCOME...



...TO
SCARFACE
TOWERS.



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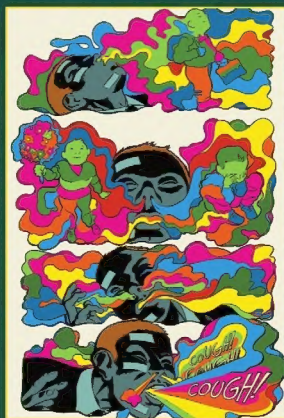
MARTIAN MANHUNTER

DC's bestselling, critically acclaimed Absolute line continues this year with three new series, including *Absolute Martian Manhunter* by writer Deniz Camp and artist Javier Rodriguez—a mind-bending, kaleidoscopic reinvention of the fan-favorite Justice League mainstay.

Here's how Camp himself describes the "psychedelic alien invasion/buddy cop" series:

When an other-dimensional alien consciousness invades the mind of rule-following FBI agent John Jones, Jones is drafted into a cosmic war against invaders made of pure mind, making him question the nature of reality, the distinction between good and evil, and the existence of free will.

While that's surely enough to get you excited for *Absolute Martian Manhunter*, take a look at these astounding interior pages by Rodriguez to get an idea of what kind of visual feast to expect from this series—and keep an eye out for *Absolute Flash* #1 and *Absolute Green Lantern* #1, also on sale this spring.



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